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FOR BOGNAR - VIETNAM REFUGEE LOCATION CENTER, GUAM

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PFOR, SREF, VS

SUBJECT: SITUATION AT GVN DELEGATION TO PARIS BILATERALS

REF: USDEL JEC 10988

1. USDEL/JEC OFFICER CALLED MORNING MAY 2 AT OFFICE OF GVN DELEGATION TO PARIS BILATERALS TO ASSESS SITUATION THERE. DELEGATION HAD CEASED FUNCTIONING AND WAS QUIETLY LIQUIDATING AFFAIRS. NEITHER PRG NOR QUAI D'ORSAY HAD CONTACTED IT YET. GVN DELEGATION PLANNED TO SIT TIGHT AND LET PRG, OR FRENCH, TAKE INITIATIVE IN ANY OFFICIAL CONFRONTATION. MOOD AT DELEGATION WAS SAD BUT RESIGNED.

2. ACTING DELEGATION CHIEF, WHO IN ABSENCE OF NGUYEN XUAN PHONG IS NGUYEN DAC KHE, BELIEVED DELEGATION'S PROBLEM WAS DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF RVN EMBASSY OR RVN DELEGATION TO UNESCO. LATTER WERE SUPPOSED TO PROVIDE
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CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT PRESENCE, BUT BILATERAL

DELEGATION'S REASON FOR EXISTENCE HAD CEASED AND ITS PROBLEM WAS LIQUIDATION RATHER THAN SUCCESSION.

3. CONCERNING RVN EMBASSY, KHE REVEALED THAT PRG HAD CONTACTED RVN AMBASSADOR QUANG, WHO HAD RESPONDED THAT TRANSFER TO PRG MUST BE THROUGH QUAI. (WE UNDERSTAND THAT QUAI HAS NOW TOLD THE RVN EMBASSY IT MUST CLOSE BY BEGINNING OF WEEK OF MAY 5.) THE RVN'S UNESCO DELEGATION, KHE REMARKED, WILL PROBABLY TURN OVER ITS ASSETS TO UNESCO SECRETARIAT.

4. SPECIFIC PROBLEMS MENTIONED BY KHE INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

A. OFFICE SPACE: SINCE ITS RENT IS PAID FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS, THE BILATERAL DELEGATION HAS NO IMMEDIATE PROBLEM HERE. THE OCCUPANCY QUESTION WILL ARISE IF AND WHEN THE PRG SEEKS TO TAKE OVER.

B. FURNISHINGS: KHE IS INCLINED TO LET THE PRG TAKE WHATEVER IT WANTS WHEN THE TIME COMES, BUT HE WILL DEFER TO NGUYEN XUAN PHONG'S DECISION ON THIS POINT IF AND WHEN PHONG RETURNS. (AT REQUEST OF DELEGATION, AMEMBASSY IS REMOVING US-OWNED TELETYPE, TELEPHONE, AND CRYPTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT.)

C. FILES: THESE HAVE BEEN DESTROYED, WITH SOME IMPORTANT ITEMS MICROFILMED AND PUT INTO LOCATIONS THAT THE DELEGATION CONSIDERS SAFE.

D. FINANCES: THE DELEGATION HAS AN ACCOUNT IN THE PARIS BRANCH OF THE FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK. ONLY PHONG CAN WRITE CHECKS ON IT. PHONG HAD BEEN IN THE PROCESS OF TRANSFERRING THE ACCOUNT TO ANOTHER PARIS BANK, FRENCH-

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OWNED, BUT THE TRANSFER HAD NOT BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.
KHE TOOK THE VIEW THAT THE DELEGATION WAS
NOT OBLIGED TO HAND THE FUNDS OVER TO THE PRG, BUT HE
WOULD LET PHONG DECIDE THIS. (POTENTIAL QUESTIONS
ARISING FROM THE USG BLOCKING OF VIETNAMESE ASSETS AS
PER STATE TEL 102400 DID NOT ARISE IN THE CONVERSATION.)

E. PERSONNEL: SOME DELEGATION MEMBERS WILL SEEK TO
STAY IN FRANCE AND WILL CONTACT THE QUAI ON THIS.
SIX DELEGATION MEMBERS, SOME WITH FAMILIES IN THE U.S.,
PREFER TO GO TO THE UNITED STATES. KHE HANDED USDEL
OFFICER LETTERS FROM THESE MEMBERS ON DELEGATION
STATIONARY APPLYING FOR ADMISSION TO U.S. USDEL
OFFICER AGREED TO FORWARD THEM TO CONSULAR SECTION OF
AMEMBASSY PARIS.

F. PHONG'S WHEREABOUTS: DELEGATION CONTINUES TO BE
ANXIOUS ABOUT ABSENCE OF ACTING DELEGATION HEAD NGUYEN
XUAN PHONG. (SEE REFTEL, NOTAL.)
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G. WHEREABOUTS OF FAMILIES OF DELEGATION MEMBERS:
DELEGATION SENT A COMMERCIAL TELEGRAM APRIL 30 TO
USINS GUAM, SIGNED BY FORMER MINISTER AND CURRENTLY
DELEGATION COUNSELOR TRAN VAN AN, REQUESTING
INFORMATION ON FAMILY MEMBERS WHO MAY HAVE LEFT SOUTH
VIETNAM.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: GIVEN DELEGATION'S ANXIETY
CONCERNING PHONG, WE HOPE ADDRESSEES CAN MAKE SPECIAL
EFFORT TO LOCATE HIM. ALSO, EARLY GUAM REPLY TO
DELEGATION'S COMMERCIAL CABLE ON FAMILIES WOULD BE

WELCOME, ALTHOUGH WE APPRECIATE THE INTENSE WORKLOAD
USINS MUST BE FACING. IF MORE CONVENIENT, REPLY MAY
BE CARE OF USDEL/JEC AMEMBASSY PARIS.
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